

POETRY.



[SELECTED.]

Reuben and Phoebe.

A PATHETIC BALLAD.

By Mr. H. K. Blifkins.

In Manchester a maiden dwelt,
Her name was Phoebe Brown;
Her cheeks were red, her hair was black,
And she was considered by good judges
to be by all odds the best looking
girl in town.

Her age was nearly seventeen
Her eyes were sparkling bright;
A very lovely girl was she—
And for about a year and a half there
had been a young man paying attention
to her by the name of Reuben Wright.

Now Reuben was a nice young man,
As any in the town;
And Phoebe loved him very dear—
But on account of his being obliged to
work for a living he never could make
himself agreeable to old Mr. and Mrs.
Brown.

Her parents were resolved
Another she should wed;
A rich old miser in the place—
And old Brown frequently declared
that rather than have his daughter marry
Reuben Wright, he'd sooner knock him
on the head.

But Phoebe's heart was brave and strong,
She feared not parents' frowns;
And as for Reuben Wright so bold,
'Twas heard him say more than fifty
times that (with the exception of Phoebe)
he didn't care a damn for the whole race
of Browns.

So Phoebe Brown and Reuben Wright,
Determined they should marry;
Three weeks ago last Thursday night
They started for old Parson Web-
ber's, determined to be united in the holy
bonds of matrimony, though it was
tremendous dark and rained like the old
Harry.

But Captain Brown was wide awake;
He loaded on his gun
And then pursued the loving pair;
He overtook them when they'd got about
half way to the parson's, and then Reu-
ben and Phoebe started off upon the run.

Old Brown then took a deadly aim
Towards young Reuben's head;
But old Phoebe was a bleeding shame,
He made a mistake and shot his only
daughter, and had the unspeakable ang-
uish of seeing her drop right down stone
dead.

Then anguish filled young Reuben's heart,
And vengeance urged his brain;
He drew an awful kick life out,
And plunged it into old Brown about
fifty or sixty times, so that it is very
doubtful about his ever coming to life a-
gain.

The briny drops from Reuben's eyes;
In torrents poured down;
He yielded up the ghost and died—
And this melancholy and heart-rending
matter terminated the history of Reuben
and Phoebe, and likewise of old Captain
Brown.

THE END.

CLIPPINGS.

JOHN ADAMS'S EARLY WRITINGS.

The following extracts from the Di-
ary of this great man will interest, as be-
ing part of the mental experience of a
man on his way to the Presidency:—

GOOD SENSE.

"Good sense, some say, is enough to
regulate our conduct, and to dictate
thoughts and actions which are proper
upon certain occasions. This, they say,
will soften and refine the motions of our
limbs into an easy and agreeable air, al-
though the dancing-master was never
applied to; and this will suggest good
answers, good observations, and good
expressions to us, better than refined
breeding. Good sense will make us re-
member that others have as good a
right to think for themselves, and to
speak their own opinions as we have;
that another man's making a silly
speech does not warrant my ill-nature
and pride in grasping the opportunity
to ridicule him and show my wit; a puff-
y, vain, conceited conversation, never
fails to bring a man into contempt; al-
though his natural endowments be ever
so great, and his application and indus-
try ever so intense; no accomplishments,
no virtues, are a sufficient atonement
for vanity and a haughty, overbearing
temper in conversation; and such is the
humor of the world, the greater a man's
parts, and the nobler his virtues in oth-
er respects, the more derision and ridi-
cule does this one vice and folly throw
him into."

sense is generally attended
with a very lively sense and delight in

applause; the love of fame in such men
is generally much stronger than in oth-
er people, and this passion it must con-
fess, is apt to betray men into impertin-
ent exertions of their talent sometimes
into censorious remarks upon others, of-
ten into little meannesses to sound the
opinions of others and oftentimes of all
into a childish affectation of wit and gay-
ety. I must own myself to have been,
to a very heinous degree, guilty in this
respect; when in company with persons
much superior to myself in years and
place, I have been too bold with great
men, which boldness will no doubt be
called self-conceit; I have made ill nat-
ured remarks upon the intellectuals, man-
ners, practice, etc., of other people; I
have foolishly aimed at wit and spirit, at
making a shining figure in gay com-
pany; but instead of shining brighter, I
only clouded the ways that before
rendered me visible. Such has been
my unhappy fate. I now resolve for
the future never to say an ill-natured
thing concerning ministers or the minis-
terial profession, never to say an en-
vious thing concerning governors, judges,
ministers, clerks, sheriffs, lawyers, or
any other honourable or lucrative offi-
ces; never to affect wit upon lace-
wists, or large estates or their pos-
sors; never to show my own importance
or superiority by remarking the foibles,
vices or inferiority of others; but I now
resolve as far as lies in me to take no-
tice chiefly of the amiable qualities of
other people; to put the most favour-
able construction upon the weakness, big-
otry and errors of others, etc., and to la-
bour more for an inoffensive and amia-
ble than for a shining and invidious
character."

DOUBTS AND QUESTIONINGS.

"Reputation ought to be the perpetu-
al subject of my thoughts, and aim of
my behaviour. How shall I gain a repu-
tation? how shall I spread an opinion
of myself as a lawyer of distinguished
genius, learning and virtue? Shall I
make frequent visits in the neighbor-
hood, and converse familiarly with men,
women and children, in their own style,
on the common little trifle of the town,
and the ordinary concerns of a family,
and so take every fair opportunity of
showing my knowledge in the law? But
this will require much thought and time,
and a very particular knowledge of the
province law and common matters, of
which I know much less than I do of
the Roman law. Shall I endeavour to
renew my acquaintance with those
young gentlemen in Boston who were at
college with me, and to extend my ac-
quaintance among merchants, shopkeep-
ers, tradesmen, etc., and mingle with the
crowd upon Change, and traipse the
town-house floor with one and another,
in order to get a character in town? But
this, too, will be a lingering method,
and will require more art, and address,
and patience too, than I am master of.
Shall I by making remarks and propos-
ing questions to the lawyers at the bar
endeavour to get a great character for
understanding and learning with them?
But this is slow and tedious,
and will be ineffectual; for envy jealousy
and self-interest, will not suffer them to
give a young fellow a free, generous
character, especially me. Neither of
these projects will bear examination, will
avail. Shall I look out for a cause to
speak to, and exert all the soul and all
the body I own, to cut a flash, strike a
amazement, to catch the vulgar; in short,
shall I walk a lingering heavy pace, or
shall I take one bold, determined leap
into the midst of fame, cash and busi-
ness? That is the question—a bold
push, a resolute attempt, a determined
enterprise, or a slow, silent, impercepti-
ble creeping; shall I creep or fly?

I feel vexed, fretted, chafed; the
thought of no business, mortified, stings
me. But let me banish these fears; let
me assume a fortitude, a greatness of
mind.

In such a slow, gradual ascent to
fame and fortune and business, the
pleasure that they give will be imper-
ceptible; but by a bold, sudden rise, I
shall feel all the joys of each at once.
Have I genius, and resolution, and
health enough for such an achievement?"

IK MARVEL'S APPEARANCE.

By N. P. WILLES.

Ik Marvel is decidedly good-looking.
He is slightly above the average height;
in form, inclining to the slender. He
is of a graceful, though not command-
ing figure. His face is full—call it fat,
if you will—and fair, and pale. He
wears his black hair *a la Dickens*,
longish and jantily; and his black
whiskers, *a la Bulwer*, luxuriant and
"all the way round." Imperial
mustache are happily wanting. The
finest feature of his face is that one which
is most prominent in a profile. It is
large and beautifully formed. He may
be twenty-eight, thirty—possibly thirty-
five—years of age. But there is a
bright, winning, kindly look in his pale
countenance, that gives him a more
youthful aspect than—perhaps—he is
entitled to. Distant reader, Ik Marvel

looks very much as you would natural-
ly expect the author of the "Reveries"
to look.

There is a little—a very little, but
still a little—of the dandy in his appear-
ance. He buttons his dark frock-coat
in the careless mode, by one or two but-
tons, which shows his figure to advan-
tage and allows his white handkerchief
to nestle rather conspicuously in his
bosom. But he looks like a gentleman
and like an author; and he is both.

BEGINNING THE WORLD.

Many an unwise parent labors hard
and lives sparingly all his life, for the
purpose of leaving enough to give his
children a start in the world, as it is
called. Setting a young man adrift
with money left him by his relatives is
like tying bladders under the arms of
one who cannot swim; ten chances to one
he will lose his bladders and go to the
bottom. Teach him to swim, and he
will never need the bladders. Give
your child a sound education and teach
him to be industrious, and you have
done enough for him. See to it that his
moral are pure, his mind cultivated,
and his whole nature made subservient
to the laws which government, and you
have given what will be of more value
than the wealth of the Indies.

To be thrown upon one's resour-
ces is to be cast into the very lap of
fortune, for our faculties then undergo
a development and display an energy,
of which they were previously not sus-
ceptible.—Dr. Arnold.

Hints to Mothers.—If you wish to
cultivate a gossiping, meddling, censori-
ous spirit in your children, be sure
when they come home from church, a
visit, or any other place where you do
not accompany them, to ply them with
questions concerning what every body
were, how everybody looked and what
everybody said and did—and if you find
anything in all this to censure, always
do it in their hearing. You may rest
assured, if your pursue a course of this
kind, they will not return to you un-
laden with intelligence; and by degrees,
earn to embellish in such a manner as
shall not fail to call forth remarks and
expressions of wonder from you. You
will, by this course, render the spirit of
curiosity—which is so early visible in
children, and which if rightly directed
may be made the instrument of enrich-
ing and enlarging their minds—a vehi-
cle of mischief, which shall serve only
to narrow them.

A HARD HIT.

"I am glad," said a reverend mission-
ary to an Indian chief, "that you do not
make rum; but it grieves me to find
that your people use so much of it."
"Ah! yes," said the red man, and he
fixed his impressive eye upon the preach-
er which communicated the reprof be-
fore he uttered it, "we Indians use a
great deal of rum, but we do not make
it."

"I have heard many women com-
plain of their husband's neglect of home.
A spoonful of honey will keep more bees
in the hive than will ten of vinegar."

A gentleman residing in the
neighborhood of Cork, on walking out
one Sunday evening, met a young peas-
ant girl, whose parents lived near his
house. "Where are you going, Jenny?"
said he. "Looking for a son-in-law for
my mother, sir," was the smart reply.

The celebrated Doctor Bentley, of
Salom, was noted for his pertinacity in
refusing to exchange with his ministeri-
al brethren. Having been asked the
reason, he said, "He wasn't going to
have any strange hogs rooting in his
style."

A Kentucky paper says it is get-
ting to be very fashionable in that quar-
ter to enclose a gold dollar with mar-
riage notices, when sending them to the
printer.

A golden example worthy of imita-
tion.

Some constables in Maine, hunt-
ing for rum, entered a house and found
a woman rocking a cradle, and singing
"Hush-a-by-baby." Not finding "the
critter," one of them, more cunning
than the rest, made a dash at the baby-
clothes, exclaiming, "Sweet little baby
—how much it looks like its father!"
And, sure enough, so it did—for, lo!
and behold, the little offspring turned
out to be a keg of rum with a night-cap
on.

"Sambo, why am I do pen dat
General Scott writes wid, like a riber
in Maine?"
"Well, den, I told you why it am. B-
cause it am do—Pen-ob-scot" (Penob-
scot). "Cotch me by de har, Ginger,
I'm gwine to drap."

A PROCLAMATION.

By his Excellency, DAVID S. REID, Gov-
ernor of the State of North Carolina.

WHEREAS, three fifths of the whole
number of members of each House of the
General Assembly did at the last session
pass the following Act:

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION
OF NORTH CAROLINA.

WHEREAS, the freehold qualification
now required for the electors for mem-
bers of the Senate conflict with the fun-
damental principles of liberty, therefore

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General As-
sembly of the State of North Carolina, and
it is hereby enacted by the authority of the
same, three-fifths of the whole number of
members of each House concurring, that
the second clause of third section of the
first Article of the amended Constitution
ratified by the people of North Carolina
on the second Monday of November, A.
D. 1835, be amended by striking out the
words "and possessed of a freehold with-
in the same district of fifty acres of land
for six months next before and at the day
of election," so that the said clause of
said section shall read as follows, "All
free white men of the age of twenty-one
years (except as is hereinafter declared)
who have been inhabitants of any one
district within the State twelve months
immediately preceding the day of any
election and shall have paid public taxes,
shall be entitled to vote for a member of
the Senate

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the
Governor of the State be, and he is here-
by directed, to issue his Proclamation to
the people of North Carolina, at least six
months before the next election for mem-
bers of the General Assembly, setting
forth the purpose of this Act and the
amendment to the Constitution herein
proposed, which Proclamation shall be
accompanied by a true and perfect copy
of the Act, authenticated by the certificate
of the Secretary of State, and both the
Proclamation and the copy of this Act,
the Governor of the State shall cause to
be published in all the newspapers of this
State, and posted in the Court Houses of
the respective Counties in this State, at
least six months before the election of
members to the next General Assembly.

Read three times and agreed to by
three-fifths of the whole number of mem-
bers of each House respectively, and rat-
ified in General Assembly, this 24th
day of January, 1851.

J. C. DOBBIN, S. H. C.

W. N. E. VARD, S. S.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

J. C. DOBBIN, Sec'y of State.

I, WILLIAM HILL, Secretary of State,
in and for the State of North Carolina,
do hereby certify that the foregoing is a
true and perfect copy of the Act of the
General Assembly of this State, drawn off
from the original on file in this office.
Given under my hand, this 31st day of
December, 1851.

W. M. HILL, Sec'y of State.

AND WHEREAS, the said Act provides
for amending the Constitution of the
State of North Carolina so as to confer
on every qualified voter for the House of
Commons the right to vote also for the
Senate;

Now, therefore, to the end that it may
be made known that if the aforesaid
amendment to the Constitution shall be
agreed to by two-thirds of the whole rep-
resentation in each House of the next
General Assembly, it will then be sub-
mitted to the people for ratification, I
have issued this my Proclamation in con-
formity with the provisions of the above
recited Act

In testimony whereof, DAVID S. REID,
Governor of the State of North Carolina,
hath hereunto set his hand and caused
the Great Seal of said State to be affixed.
Done at the City of Raleigh, on the
thirty-first day of December, in the
[L. S.] year of our Lord, one thousand
eight hundred and fifty-one, and in
the 76th year of our Independence.

By the Governor, DAVID S. REID.
THOMAS SETTLE, Jr., Private Sec'y.

Persons into whose hands this Procla-
mation may fall, will please see that a
copy of it is posted up in the Court
Houses of their respective Counties.

FOR HIRE.

THE subscriber continues to keep hor-
ses and vehicles for hire on the following
TERMS PER DAY:

For carriage, two horses, & driver,	\$5 00
" carriage and harness,	2 00
" barouche, two horses, & driver,	4 00
" barouche and harness,	1 50
" carryall, two horses, and driver,	3 50
" carryall and harness,	1 00
" buggy and horse,	2 00
" buggy and harness,	0 75
" horse, saddle and bridle,	1 25
" horse,	1 00
" horse and cart,	1 25
" Cart and gear,	0 25
" Horse and plough,	1 00
" plough and gear,	0 25

The above charges are for an ordinary
day's travel—longer or shorter distances,
by contract.

Geo. HOWARD.

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ARE still manufacturing at the Rocky
Mount Mills, about

300,000 lbs Cotton Yarn,
per annum, (equal to the best Georgia
yarns,) which they will deliver to Mer-
chants free of extra charge at New York
prices. Orders addressed to Battle &
Son, Rocky Mount, N. C., will receive
prompt attention. Feb. 1852.

S. R. Ford,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

DEALER in Marble Monuments; Head
and Foot Stones; Paint Stones; Imposing
coffins; and in short, any article called for
of either Italian, Egyptian, or American
Marble; and work warranted to please or
no sale; and if damaged before delivery
it is at his expense.

Orders left with Geo. Howard, Tar-
boro', will be attended to forthwith.

Cotton Wanted,

FOR which the highest market price
will be paid. Apply to

W. H. Willard.

Washington, N. C. Jan. 2, '52.

Molasses.

25 hhds French Island, very superior,
15 " Cuba.
25 " Sugar house,
25 bbls N. Orleans, for sale very low by

W. H. Willard

Jan. 2, '52

NOTICE.

THE subscriber being well pre-
pared to do

A FORWARDING

And Commission Business

IN THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON,
Respectfully solicits the patronage
of the public in Tarboro', its vicini-
ty, and Edgecombe co. generally.
He has ample and safe room for the
storage of Naval Stores, Grain, and
other produce; his charges are mod-
erate and quick dispatch invariably
given to all business entrusted
to his direction.

REFERENCES.

Macnair & Brother, Tarboro' N.
C. William Bernard, Greenville,
Eli Hoyt, Washington, N. C. Geo.
H. Brown & Brother, Washington,
B. J. Parmelee, Washington, N. C.
Hon. Judge Manly, Newbern, N.
C. J. A. Stanley, Wilmington, N.
C. Wm. Bryce & Co., New York,
Bateman & Rudderow, do. Mallett
& Paulmin, do.

L. J. LABARBE.

Washington, N. C. April 2

Don't you want to
RIDE?

THE subscriber keeps constant-
ly on hand, a large variety of vehi-
cles comprising

Buggies, Barouches, &c.
of every style and finish.

He also manufactures to order
any description of vehicles, from an
ox cart to a fine carriage, in a style
not surpassed in this country, and at
prices as low as can be afforded any
where

He also carries on a large har-
ness manufactory—sets of harness
from \$12 to \$50.

Vehicles of every description re-
paired at short notice and on rea-
sonable terms

The subscriber will attend the
Courts of Edgecombe, and be pre-
pared to make contracts as above,
on favorable terms.

JAMES NELSON.

Greenville, Pitt Co. July 8.

Thomas L. Liddon,
BRICKLAYER & PLASTERER.

INFORMS the citizens of Martin
& the adjacent counties, that he has

Removed to Hamilton.

And is fully prepared to execute all
jobs in his line of business, that may
be entrusted to him. He has compe-
tent workmen in his employ, and
can give satisfactory assurances,
that all work entrusted to him will
be executed expeditiously and in a
workmanlike manner.

References.

Jos. Waldo, Hamilton,
Wm. Norfleet, Tarboro'.
Baker Staton, Edgecombe Co.,
Gould Hoyt, Greenville,
Hamilton, April 3.

NEW BOOKS.

Swain's Justice,
Wiley's North Carolina Reader,
Southern Harmony & Musical Companion
Baxter's Saints' Rest,
Cyclopedia of 6000 Practical Receipts,
Dictionary of Poetical quotations,
Arabian Night's Entertainments—high-
ly treated,
Dark Scenes in History, by James,
Vicar of Wakefield,
Bacchus—Prize Essay on Intemperance
by Grindrod,
Memoirs of Wm. Wirt, by Kennedy,
Joseph H. Bowditch,
Tarboro', Feb. 6.

\$5 Reward.

RANAWAY from the subscriber
on the first of July, negro boy
JIM. The said negro is about
years old, of a light complexion
and about five feet five inches
high. He is supposed to be work-
ing in the vicinity of Tarboro'.
will give the above reward to any
person or persons who will bring
him to me, or lodge him in any jail
so I get him. All persons are hereby
warned not to harbor or em-
ploy said negro under the penalty
of the law. Cader Abrams.
Hamilton, July 30.

NEW
BOARDING HOUSE.

Mrs. E. A. FORD,

WOULD respectfully inform the
public, that she has taken the House
lately occupied by Mrs. Swann, as a
Boarding-House, and having had
it thoroughly repaired, and fitted
with new and handsome furniture
throughout, she will be enabled to
accommodate a number of transient
or permanent Boarders in the best
manner. The House is as pleas-
antly situated as any

In Wilmington,

and a number of her best rooms will
be reserved for the accommodation
of transient visitors. She can con-
fidently bespeak the patronage of
those desirous of obtaining a Board-
ing House of the first class, as she
flatters herself that her arrange-
ments cannot be surpassed for com-
fort and convenience, and no ex-
ertion will be spared calculated
to add to the happiness and conten-
ment of her guests.

The House is now open for the
reception of permanent or day board-
ers. For terms, apply to Mrs. Ford
Nov. 7.

John H. Smith's
Renovating Ointment and
HORSE RENOVATING POWDERS.

THE author of our existence has
caused to grow up spontaneously
throughout the world, such vege-
table properties as will at once cure
when properly applied, all curable
diseases. The proprietor of these
truly valuable medicines might fill
a volume with Certificates and tes-
timonials in favor of his article
but, considering such puffs wholly
useless, since they are so readily
manufactured, and made use of to
such an extent to palm off some use-
less trash upon the public, I shall
therefore state at once, the various
diseases that can be speedily cured
by these Invaluable Horse Ren-
ovating Powders, viz:—Glanders,
hindebound, and horse Distemper.
It also carries off all gross humors,
and purifies the blood. It is also
safe and certain cure for the heaves;
it will also cleanse, at once, the
stomach and maw from bots, worms,
&c. and again restore the stomach and
bowels to healthy action.

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Is an invaluable remedy for horses
in the cure of the following dis-
eases: Fresh wounds, Galls, of all
kinds, Sprains, Bruises, Ringworms,
Poll Evil, windgalls, Spavins, Swell-
ings, Fistula, Strains, Lameness, foun-
dered Feet, Cracks, and Scratches.
The above articles are to be had
in most of the Cities and principal
Villages throughout the United
States, and the Canadas.
For sale, wholesale and retail,
John H. Smith's Depot, No. 12
Kulton street, (2d floor.) New York.
Price, 25 cents per box for the
Ointment; 50 cts for the Horse Ren-
ovating Powders.
For sale by Geo. Howard.